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For: TRANSGENIC MICE CONTAINING NPY6 NEUROPEPTIDE RECEPTOR GENE
DISRUPTIONS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. The Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for a period of three months from December 9, 2002 up to and including March 10, 2003.

THE AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-11, 13-15 and 17-19.

Please amend claim 12 to read as follows:

12. (Amended) A method of identifying an agent capable of modulating a neuromuscular phenotype associated with NPY6 receptor, the method comprising:

- (a) providing a transgenic mouse comprising a homozygous disruption in a NPY6 receptor gene, wherein the transgenic mouse exhibits, relative to a wild-type mouse, a neuromuscular phenotype;
- (b) administering a putative agent to the transgenic mouse; and